

**CITY OF CARLSBAD
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

JOB TITLE: **TREE TRIMMER I
TREE TRIMMER II**

DEPARTMENT: **PARKS AND RECREATION**

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under general supervision, to perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled work in pruning, trimming, felling, and topping trees; to operate and maintain tree trimming equipment; and to do related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Tree Trimmer I: This is the entry level class in the tree trimmer series. Positions in this class normally perform a variety of moderately difficult tasks relating to the transplanting, trimming, pruning, and removal of trees. Generally, work is observed and reviewed during its performance and upon completion, and changes in procedure or exceptions to rules are explained as they arise. Under the training concept, positions assigned to the class of Tree Trimmer II which become vacant may reasonably be filled at the Tree Trimmer I level.

Tree Trimmer II: This is the journey level in the tree trimmer series. A Tree Trimmer II is expected, within a framework of established procedures, to perform a variety of difficult tree trimming duties with only occasional instruction or assistance. Adequate performance at this level requires the exercise of initiative and independent judgement.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Trim and top trees, lower limbs, remove cuttings, and operate tree trimming equipment.

Climb trees using hooks, ropes, cables, and ladders.

Remove dead, broken, undesired branches, and tops of trees using saws, axes, and other tools, both hand and powered.

Operate bucket equipment to reach trimming area.

Spray trees periodically.

Check and assist in maintaining equipment.

May supervise the work of less experienced personnel as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

Basic tree trimming methods, techniques, equipment and procedures.

Safe work practices.

Ability to:

Perform high climbing and trimming work in trees.

Understand and carry out oral and written directions.

Operate a variety of basic tree trimming tools and equipment.

Establish and maintain cooperative work relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be one year of experience in tree climbing, trimming and topping work.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a valid Class III California Driver's License.

TREE TRIMMER II

In addition to the qualifications for Tree Trimmer I:

Knowledge of:

Tree planting and maintenance methods.

Ability to:

Use hand and power tools skillfully and safely.

Work independently in the absence of supervision.

Assist in the supervision and training of less experienced personnel.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be one year of experience performing duties comparable to those of a Tree Trimmer I.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

The ability to obtain and maintain state and federally mandated requirements to operate assigned equipment, machinery and vehicles essential to the job.

PHYSICAL STANDARDS:

Must possess sufficient strength and stamina to lift, carry and manipulate objects weighing up to 50 lbs above the waist and to perform sustained heavy physical labor. Maintenance workers must be physically able to stand, stoop, bend, lift and maintain awkward body positions for prolonged periods of time. Must be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions and with exposure to potentially hazardous conditions.

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